

23. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin, panty-liner, or incontinence protector.

24. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin, panty-liner, or incontinence protector.

25. (New) The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin, panty-liner, or incontinence protector.

26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin, a panty-liner, or incontinence protector.

27. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the wetting region contacts the mucous membranes only of the user.

28. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the wetting region contacts the mucous membranes only of the user.

29. (New) The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the wetting region contacts the mucous membranes only of the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the wetting region contacts the mucous membranes only of the user.